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Title: Learning the Secret to Happiness

Text: Philippians 4:10-20

To Know True Happiness, You Have to Experience Unhappiness

v11 I have learned...

Pain

Poverty

Prison

Persecution

True Happiness Is Trusting in God's Sovereignty Over Our Circumstances

v12 "regardless of my circumstances"

God knows our situation.

God knows before time.

God allows us to experience times of unhappiness.

True Happiness Is Knowing God Has the Resources to Sustain Us

v19 and my God shall supply all your needs... riches in glory

Physical

Emotional

Spiritual

True Happiness Is Knowing God's Strength Is Available to Help Us Through Every Situation

v13 infuses strength into me

shall give us power

Boldness, courage, determination

¹⁰Now I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this out of need, for I have learned to be content regardless of my circumstances. ¹²I know how to live humbly, and I know how to abound. I am accustomed to any and every situation—to being filled and being hungry, to having plenty and having need. ¹³I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. ¹⁴Nevertheless, you have done well to share in my affliction. ¹⁵And as you Philippians know, in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church but you partnered with me in the matter of giving and receiving. ¹⁶For even while I was in Thessalonica, you provided for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I am seeking a gift, but I am looking for the fruit that may be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have all I need and more, now that I have received your gifts from Epaphroditus. They are a sweet smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.